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Part B. for April 1906.

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Seasonal prospects in the Tumkur District.

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| 16 | From the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, letter No. 7919, dated 5th March 1906. Forwards Tumkur Deputy Commissioner's letter and an extract from the diary of Mr. P. Srinivasa Rao, Extra Assistant Commissioner, for the month of November 1905, re seasonal prospects, and states that the Deputy Commissioner |
| 17 | reports that he is going to tour through the more affected parts and on his return he would submit a report as to the measures to be adopted for the relief of the poor people.
To the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Government Order No. A, dated the 6th March 1906.
Observes that, for the reasons stated, the report of the Tumkur Deputy Commissioner, dated the 18th February 1906, on the season prospects of his district shows that he was dilatory both in his thought and action in the matter and that he should have reported and obtained the orders of Government regarding remissions and postponements of revenue to which his attention had been repeatedly drawn and requests the Revenue Commissioner to pay a visit to the Tumkur District and decide, in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner, on a plan of action to be adopted and report the same for the orders of Government. |
| 23 | From the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, letter No. 8594, dated the 27th March 1906.
Forwards D. O. letter from the Deputy Commissioner of the Tumkur District explaining with reference to the above Government Order that he has not been dilatory in either thought or action and that as regards remission and postponement of revenue, he is not aware of any reminders being received by him in the matter. |
| 30 | To the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, Government Order No. R. 13578, dated 20--21st April 1906.
States that the observations of Government made in the Government Order Serial No. 17, were based on the almost systematic disregard shown by the Deputy Commissioner to the orders of Government requiring the submission of reports on seasonal conditions once every ten days, that as regards remissions and postponements of revenue, the Deputy Commissioner's attention was drawn to the subject on three occasions as pointed out and that, therefore, Government regret their inability to reconsider the opinions expressed by them in the Government Order of the 6th March above referred to. |

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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NOTES.

File. No. *101*

FILE HEADING.

Seasonal prospects in the S. Juntkur Dist.

From

*The Revenue Commr in Mysore*No. *7919* Dated *5-3-06* Received *5-3-06*Diary No. *8077 1/2*Enclos. *2* Spare Copies.Serial No. *16*

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that the Dy Commr of the Juntkur Dist is going to submit a report as to what measures are necessary to be adopted for the relief of the poor, as crops have failed in some parts of the Dist -

NOTES AND ORDERS.

*Secretary's order -**Received at 6. P.M on 5-3-906**Submitted to the Dewan Sahib**(Initd) BV.*

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Dewans order -

The Dy: Commr seems to be dilatory both in his thought and action. Apparently he is behind the time. The Khists have commenced and he should have reported and obtained long ere this orders of Govt regarding remissions and postponements - to the importance of both of which his attention had been repeatedly drawn. The Rev: Commr will kindly see that there is no more delay in this important matter and prompt action is taken at once. It is advisable that the Rev: Commr should pay a visit to Junekur Dist and have a conference with the Dy: Commr on the plan of action to be adopted. Early action & report are expected.

(Sd/-) P.N.K.

17 G.O. No. A. Dated the 6th March 1906
To The Rev: Commr in Mysore.

Makes certain observations on the Dy: Commr of the Junekur Dist for the delay in submitting his report regarding remissions & postponements of assessments

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in his Dist and also measures necessary to be adopted for the relief of the poor owing to the failure of crops and observes that it is advisable that the Rev Commr should pay a visit to Zunkur & have a Conference with the Dy: Commr on the plan of action to be adopted and submit an early report thereon.

Submitted with a draft for turning the enclosures.

~~CRH~~
7/3/06.

To the Rev. Commr no 11754 of 12/3/06
Returns the enclos.

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From the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore. Letter no 8594 of 27-3-06. Forwards Zunkur Dy. Commr's letter dated the 10th March 1906 ^{explaining} with reference to G.O. no A of the 6th March 1906, that there was no dilatoriness of thought or action on his part in respect of his procedure to meet the apprehended distress in his District caused by adverse

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Seasons, ~~but~~ that as regards remissions and
improvements of Kaidagga, he is not aware
of any reminders being received by him in
the matter and requesting that copies of
such reminders, if any may be furnished
to him -

as per order for the action

~~and~~ The present D &
letter is merely an explanation
on the part of the D & Comm
of his being fully alive to the
importance of the situation and
his repudiation of any dilatoriness
in thought or action. The letter
may perhaps be rounded with
the observation that Govt are glad
to ~~find that~~ ^{accept the assurance of} the D & Comm that he
has personally acquainted himself
with local conditions and is alive
to the importance of keeping himself
in close touch with the existing
situation so as to be able to
propose ^{in time} ~~from time to time~~ measures
of relief according to the necessities
of the ~~circumstances~~ of the case

28/3/07

Please ascertain from Mr. Narasing Rao
if reminder I have not from D & C. D. J. J.
28/3/06 28/3/1906

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Subd
The Secretary ~~has~~ directs that V.K. Greenwala
as proposed by the Registrar
Rao may be asked to search & put up the
previous correspondence re' remunders to
the Dy Commissioner, Tumkur Dt

30/8/06
31/8/06

Please ask him
to see me in the
M.C. Secy
30/8

Letter written to V.K.S.
31/8/06

V.K.S says that the
D.O's are in the file
which has gone to the
Rev. Board unofficially.

"Reg")

The file referred to has been received
back from the Revenue Board
to remain to be got the remaining
the file

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File since returned, is put up -
the following facts appear from the
papers in the file: -

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(1) First D.O. to Dy. Commr. Calling for special
report & similar reports every ten days - issued 27-7-05

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(2) D.O.'s reply received - - - - - 8-8-06

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(3) Ten day's report due on 18-1-06 - not recd

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(4) Further detailed report called for from Dy. Commr. as first report of 28-1-06 was too brief 19-1-06

(5) Reply of D.O. to above received - - - 25-1-06

(6) No ten day's reports appear to have been received from 25-1-06. 28-1-06

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(7) Comprehensive proposals regarding suspension of revenue tea called for 19-2-06

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(8) Replies to above received partly on 8-3-06
 & partly on 15-3-06

From the above it will be seen that the Deputy Commr submitted no reports to Govt from 25-1-06 to 8-3-06 & answered the subject of Suspension & remission of revenue on the 15th March 1906, tho' the proposal was called for on the 19th February 1906.

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In G.O. No. A it is remarked that 'He (the Dy Commr) should have reported and obtained the orders of Govt long ere this regarding remissions and postponements to the importance of ^{both of} which his attention had been repeatedly drawn'. The Dy Commr takes objection to this remark and says that he is not aware of those reminders & begs that copies of the reminders may be furnished to him. He further observes that Govt order of the 19th February 1906 can alone be considered as a reminder & even then only the first part of it and that too in reference to the queries and not in reference to remissions.

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The subject of remission and postponement of revenue was as far as can be seen from the papers in the file touched upon first in the set of questions and

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20th April 1906.

States that the observations of G.O. made in the G.P. Serial No. 17 were based on the almost systematic disregard shown by the Dy. Commr. to the orders of G.O. requiring the submission of reports on seasonal conditions once every ten days, that as regards remissions and postponements of revenue, the Dy. Commr.'s attention was drawn to the subject on three occasions as pointed out and that therefore G.O. regret their inability to recouse the opinions expressed by them in the G.P. referred to.

No 589-596

My dear Sir,

The Dewan would be glad to have as early as practicable full information as to the precise situation of the ryots & cattle in your District and as to the measures of relief that are being adopted or will be requisite in the near future.

As the matter is extremely urgent reports may be forwarded to my address direct - officially.

The Dewan expects that the report will be self-contained and convey an accurate and frank account of the conditions prevailing in the several parts of the district. Similar reports should be sent every ten days in future until further instructions.

To all D.C.'s.

Yours truly
(Sd) D.M.N.

26-12-06

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From

T. ANANDA ROW Esq., B. A.,
Revenue Commissioner
in Mysore.

Agri F. 101/905/5-16

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Dated 5th

Despatched 5 March 1906

Received

No. 7919

Enclosure No. 2

Stating that the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur is going to submit a report as to what measures are necessary to be adopted for the relief of the poor people as crops have failed in some parts of the District.

Recd at Office on 5/3/1906
Submitted to the Dewan Sahib
5-3-1906

only 7-3-06

the Rev. Genl. Messrs. Long
a note to the
Rev. & have a conference
with the Rev. Genl. on the
plan of action to be adopted.
Early action must be
taken.

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The Dep. Comr. seems to be delaying both in his thought and action. Apparently he is behind the time - the Khists have commenced and he should have reported & have obtained the orders of Govt. regarding the remission of the assessments. The importance of both of which his attention has been repeatedly drawn. The Rev. Genl. will kindly see that there is no more delay in this important matter & prompt action is taken alone. It is desirable that

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OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR. IN MYSORE,
Bangalore... 5th March 1906.
5th March

FROM

T. ANANDA ROW, Esq., B. A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

TO

*The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.*

Sir,

I have the honor to state that Mr. P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Commissioner, stated in his diary for November 1905 that crops had failed in some of the villages in the Taravakere Sub Taluk and suggested the postponement of half the current year's Revenue in the affected parts. The Deputy Commissioner was thereupon requested by me to report as to what action if he had taken to reach a decision on this question, as it related to this and similar tracts in the District. The Deputy Commissioner states in his docket No. 477 dated 19th February 1906 that he is going out on tour through the more affected parts; and on his return he would submit a report as to what measures are necessary to be adopted for the relief of the poor people.

2. The Tumkur Deputy Commissioner's docket under reference and the diary of Mr. P. Srinivasa Rao for the month of November 1905 are herewith submitted for reference and kind turn.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T. Ananda Row
For Revenue Commissioner.

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From

K.Doraswami Iyer, Esq.,

Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District.

To

T. Ananda Rao, Esq., B.A.,

Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

Dated 18th February 1906.

Despatched 19th do,,

Received.

General No. 477

Enclosure No. Nil.

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Revenue Commissioner's official memorandum No. 7296 dated the 14th instant calling for a report as to the action, if any, 16th the undersigned has taken to reach a decision upon Mr. P.Srini vasa Rao's suggestion in his diary that the question as to whether a postponement of half of the current year's revenue would be a sufficient remedy in the case of certain villages where -- failure of crops is noticed.

In reply, undersigned has the honour to state that the suggestion is under consideration along with many other methods of relief such as the postponement of a whole year's revenue, a remission of half the wet assessment, Relief works, gratuitous relief &c -- and will be formulated according to the suitability of each measure to a given tract and according to the time that a given measure becomes necessary. Estimates for certain selected tank works are under preparation in view to be ready to meet emergencies. The condition of men and cattle are closely watched. Undersigned is going out again tomorrow on a tour --- through the more affected parts.

Sd/. T.Royalu Chetty

For Deputy Commissioner.

Extract from the diary of H^r P. Srinivasa Rao,
Genl. Assistant Com^r. Tumkur Dt.

15th Nov 1905.

Doddamaragondanahalli:

Left Dwarakanahally and visited the villages of Talikere, Nagler, Vadavangutta, Kupper, Angadigere, Malladewanahalli and Doddamaragondanahalli - The last 5 villages visited are in a worse condition than the others as regards crop. This state of things has occurred consecutively for two years - the last year being an equally bad one. The question as to whether a postponement of half the current year's revenue will be a sufficient remedy in the case of these villages remains to be considered - Inspected in Talikere a newly built one in regard to which there is a takavar. There was a drizzle during part of the day & night, but it was hardly enough to lay the dust.

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General and Rev. Secretariat

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Date of issue 6. 3. 1906

Signed by _____

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1) Diary of Mr. P. Sreenivasa.
Recd. Asst. Commr. of the
Sunkur Dist. for Nov. 1905
stating that crops had
failed in some of the villages
in the Sunkur Sub. Taluk
& suggesting the postponement
of a moiety of the
current year's assessment
in the affected parts.

2) The Sunkur D. & R. P. S.
doct. ~~Letter~~ No 477 of the 18th Feb.
1906 to the Rev. Commr.
stating in reply to a reference
made by him that he
had ~~gone~~ out on tour thro
the affected parts & on his
return submit ^{or} report

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as to what measures
would be necessary for the
relief of the poor. —

3) The Hon. Thompson's letter
No. 4919 of the 5th March 1906th
submitting the above.

Order thereon No. 4 of the 6th March 1906.

A reference of distress
was reported by the Hon.
Thompson in his diary for Nov. 1905.

Dated the 8th Dec 1905 &
received on the 12th Dec 1905.
Nothing was done on it ^{for 2 months} till

the 14th Feb 1906, when the
Hon. Thompson called on
the Hon. Thompson & report
what relief, if any, was
needed. The Hon. Thompson
in his report merely states
that he would tour thro
the affected parts & sub-
mit a report of what
has to be done. — He
seems to be dilatory both
in his thought & action

List of enclosures,

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(Continuation Sheet draft form.)

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Apparently he is behind the time. The Kists have commenced. He should have reported & obtained the order of Govt long ere this regarding remissions & postponements & the importance of both of which his attention had been repeatedly drawn. The Rev. Comr will kindly see that there will be no more delay in this important matter & that prompt action is taken at once. It is advisable that the Rev. Comr should pay a visit to the Dist. & have a conference with the Dy. Comr on the plan of action to be adopted. Very early action & report are expected.

R. W.
6.3.1886

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To the Rev. Comr in Mysore.

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Diary No. of letter replied to _____

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General and Revenue Secretariat
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To The Rev: Commr
in Mysore

Date of issue 12th March 06

Signed by _____

Has the honor to return
herewith the two enclosures
received with his letter No. 7919
dated the 5th March 1906, in
re the Seasonal prospects of
the Tumkur Dist

By order

For Secretary
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From *1 mch 27-3-06 1906* *Agm C. N. 4/27/06*

T. ANANDA ROW Esq., B. A.,
Revenue Commissioner
in Mysore.

To *8726*
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The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.

Dated 27th

Despatched 27 March 1906.

Received

No. 8594

Enclosure No. one

Forwarding D.O. letter of the
Tumkur District Deputy Commission-
er about the seasonal prospects
in the Tumkur District.

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OFFICE OF THE REV. COMR. IN MYSORE,
Bangalore.....27th March.....1906.
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FROM

T. ANANDA ROW, Esq., B. A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

TO

*The Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments.*

SIR,

Adverting to Government Order No.A dated 6th instant about seasonal conditions in Tumkur District, I beg to submit herewith D.O, dated 10th Idem, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, explaining his position in the matter. The reports on the main question referred to therein are contained in his No.779 dated 6th March 1906 and No.792 dated 15th idem, which are before Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chavaraudraji

For Revenue Commissioner.

Comptroller

B.K.R.

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New York
N.Y.

My dear Sir

Referring to Govt Order No. A & the 6th has
received with your report.

Apprehension of distress was reported
the diary of an Assistant Commissioner in
November 1905 as stated in the order but the
apprehension had existed long before & we
were all aware of it - only the apprehended
distress was far off. It is said that nothing
was done on it for 2 months & that I said in
answer to the Rev. Commissioner's enquiry that I
would tour through the affected parts & send a report
to what had to be done. Such a statement from
me would have been very misleading in that it would
have conveyed an idea that I had yet to acquaint
myself with the conditions of the season by personal
observations. A reference to my Communication
shows that what I actually said was that the suggestion
of the Asst. Commr. in regard to the postponement
of half the current year's revenue was under
consideration with many other measures of relief
such as the postponement of a whole year's revenue
a remission of half the wet assessment, Relief
works, Gratuitous relief, &c & would be formulated
according to the suitability of each measure to
a given tract & according to the time that a
given measure became necessary. I said also
that estimates for certain selected Tank works
were under preparation in view to be ready to meet
requirements & went on to say that the condition of
men & cattle was closely watched & included paying

that I was going out again "tomorrow" on a tour through the more affected parts. Some 30 or 40 queries that had been sent by the Dewan's under secretary were answered by me from my personal knowledge excepting some half a dozen such as the quantity of water in each tank in the District &c &c. had to be answered in communication with the Asst. Commissioners & the Amildars & it was in answering these queries that some delay occurred. What was there to be done - which was not done & where did the dilatoriness of thought & action come in?

The progress of the season was closely watched. Additional allotments under Takkari were asked & obtained as Govt. are aware. The object of Takkari advances was personally explained to the ryots in every tour. The condition of the various crops was carefully noted. The question of where all Relief works wd have to be started & the probable date when each wd have to be started was studied. Information under various heads under the Draft Famine Code was being collected & verified personally. How can I be said to have been guilty of ~~total~~ dilatoriness in ~~the~~ thought & action.

I know that the Khists have commenced. ~~that~~ I confess that I did not know what the policy of the Govt was going to be. But the various measures of Relief under the Famine Code were kept in sight & they included concessions in the matter of assessment. Proposals in regard to a suspension of Kandayen were called for in Govt order No. R 10820-9 of the 19th Feby. & later. agri. 101-05-5 Remission & suspension are mentioned in order No. A. They had been mentioned also in the Under Secretary's queries & I answered that postponement might suffice & that remission did not appear necessary then. ~~Of course there was~~

the immediately adjoining village had nothing to speak of & in the same village sometimes one half has food & the other bad. The peculiarity was due to the peculiar distribution of rain - In moor-erases wet lands under tanks failed to produce a decent crop or any crop at all. The necessary figures are getting ready in my office to enable me to furnish exact proposals. I am going to ask for a remission of half wet assessment & under tanks & a postponement of two Khists on dry lands. The value of the harvest before which these concessions should come into operation will be determined from the figures ~~of each~~ for each tract. Accurate figures & the decision of a definite equitable principle of procedure will be furnished. I wish to avoid making one Taluk or a part of a Taluk feel that it is less favoured than the other. As already stated there is this year a great deal of difference between adjoining villages & adjoining Wodkas.

Until about the end of April no one will come on any Relief works that might start except on three or four where we might expect some rain about the beginning of April. Within the next 3000 days a list of selected works will be submitted for sanction.

The condition of men & cattle is good. Water & fodder are available.

I beg to leave to state that it cannot be said that I failed to realize the importance of

of any matter or that I was dilatory in thought or action. This is not the first time to me that incorrect statements have found a place in Govt orders & subjected me to unmerited censure. If really I have defaulted in any important respect I should begin to question my ability to conduct famine measures when they become necessary. It wd be a powerful combination to disqualify one for the public service to be unable to think or to act or to be dilatory in thought & action at a time like this & with a worse time impending when ^{one} should have his wits about him & when correct action shd come on the spur of the moment - as if by intuition rather than from laborious logic.

I beg that it may be explained to Govt how exactly I am situated in this matter. A copy of my last communication to the Secretary has been sent for yr. information.

10th March 1906

Yours sincerely
K. D. Ramani

T. Arundables Esq.
Rev Commr

P.S I am sorry the letter is misdirected here & there

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Submitted
to Govt
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Proceedings of the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of ---
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Read:-

G.O. No. A dated the 6th March 1906 observing that for the reasons ~~stated~~ stated, the report of the Tumkur Deputy Commissioner dated the 18th February 1906 on the season prospects of his ~~District~~ District showed that he was dilatory ~~both~~ both in his thought and action in the matter and that he should have reported and obtained the orders of Govt. regarding remissions and postponements of ~~revenue~~ revenue to which his attention had been repeatedly drawn, and requesting the Revenue Commissioner to pay a visit to the Tumkur District and decide in consultation with the Deputy Commissioner on a plan of action to be adopted and report the same for the orders of Govt.

2. Letter No. 8594 dated the 27th -- March 1906 from the Revenue Commr. in Mysore forwarding with reference to the above G.O. the Tumkur Deputy Commissioner's D.O. letter explaining his position in the matter.

ORDER THEREON NO. 17 13578

Dated April ²⁰ 21 1906.

In the ²⁰ letter referred to above, the Deputy Commissioner of Tum-

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Munkur represents that he has not been dilatory in either thought or action, in matters relating to seasonal conditions in his District, as remarked in the Government Order referred to above

The observation of the Govt. was, ~~how-~~
~~ever~~, based on the almost systematic disregard shown by the Deputy Commr. to the orders of Govt. requiring the submission of a report on seasonal conditions once every ten days. In response to the demi-official letter, dated the 27th December 1905, prescribing such reports, the Dy. Commr. submitted his first report on the 8th January 1906 but practically ceased thereafter to send the ten days' reports. Even the report received on the 8th January last was, owing to its excessive brevity, most ^{un-}informing and *the Deputy Commr* ^{asked to elaborate details,} had to be ~~returned to him for elaboration of details~~, a course which would have been altogether needless had the significance of a report on seasonal conditions that were a source of some anxiety to the Govt. been fully ^{recognized} ~~under-~~ stood by the Deputy Commissioner.

2. Next, as regards his remark that he received no reminders on the subject of remissions and postponements of revenue it must be pointed out that his attention was specifically ^a ~~drawn~~ to it in the memo of questions sent to him on the 19th January 1906. In submitting answers to these questions ^u ~~u~~ after some admitted delay, the Dy.